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Sacred Heart to absorb UB programs

Cernera says no agreements made yet -- Battle rages over law school



President of Sacred Heart University, Dr. Anthony J. Cernera, updates a crowd gathered in the Schine Auditorium on the status of the Sacred Heart/University of Bridgeport absorption proposal.

Photo by Michael Champagne

Chris Nicholson
Associate Editor

On Thursday, Jan. 16, the Board of Trustees of the Univer-

sity of Bridgeport announced it has voted to discuss a merger with Sacred Heart University so as to keep an active university campus in the south end of Bridgeport. The announcement was the climax of a three month long politi-

cal battle between SHU, UB, the UB Law School and Quinnipiac College of Hamden, and was greeted with a circus of criticism from protesting UB law students.

However, SHU President Anthony Cernera noted on Tues-

day, Jan. 21 that Sacred Heart will not be merging with UB (for that would be assuming its debt also), but will be absorbing an undetermined number of programs from the Bridgeport university, possibly all of them. Cernera affirmed that Sacred Heart will not be assuming UB's debt.

"In actively pursuing an arrangement with Sacred Heart University," said UB Interim President Edwin Eigel, Jr., "we'll be effectively serving the best interests of the students and the entire community. We look forward to creating a strong, expanding and financially sound university that will provide an economically sound institution giving life and vitality to the economy of the city of Bridgeport."

The decision follows months of internal and community debating over the fate of UB after alleged poor managing led to a school budget crisis. A consortium of banks has agreed to loan UB \$2.5 million needed to keep its doors open for the spring semester, under the condition that an outside institution oversees UB during the

semester and takes over some managing duties.

Cernera said Sacred Heart will be playing that role. "We have been an absolute key element in the discussions even lasting this long," he stated. "People are looking for us to find a long term solution (to the UB crisis)."

Cernera was quick to point out that no concrete agreement has yet been made with UB. "We haven't signed any agreements yet," Cernera said. "We've only agreed that we want to cooperate. This is a serious commitment to try to help this (Bridgeport) community while safeguarding our own integrity."

The absorption of UB, according to a press release from UB's Office of Communications, will include all of its schools and programs, including the school of law.

Bridgeport Mayor Joseph Ganim supported the decision, and strengthened his stance by reminding the protesters that he is a

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Off-campus dorms suffer break-in, robbery incident

By Frank Mastroianni
News Editor

On Sunday January 5, a break-in occurred at the Park Ridge Condominium complex. The units, located less than a mile from campus have been housing SHU students since last semester.

According to SHU's Director of Security Robert Daloia, "at 4:55 pm, the Axis Alarm Security System signaled that a door had been opened at unit 285 at the Park Ridge Condominiums."

At the time of the incident, two security officers had been on duty. "One security officer was on patrol down Park Avenue when he was informed of the break-in by the dispatcher," said Daloia.

As security officer Anthony DeCeasare arrived at Park Ridge, he saw an open door at unit 285. Upon his initial inspection, he was unable to determine what was taken, but was able to determine that an unauthorized entry had occurred.

As DeCeasare was entering the dwelling he noticed a pair of sunglasses on the sidewalk but neglected to pick them up. He then returned to the University to report his findings. At the University, a decision was made to return to Park Ridge and retrieve

the glasses.

According to DeCeasare, as he returned to Park Ridge, an unidentified car was seen in the driveway of unit 283. Two males in their mid-twenties were by the automobile.

Witnesses report that the two males got in the car and fled as security approached them. SHU's security attempted an unsuccessful pursuit of the two intruders.

According to Bridgeport police records, a complaint was called in at 5:25 pm and by 5:34 pm police officer Jack Messina had arrived at the scene.

The police report stated that an entry had occurred in unit 283 threw a window. According to Daloia, the windows are not alarmed with the Axis Alarm Security System.

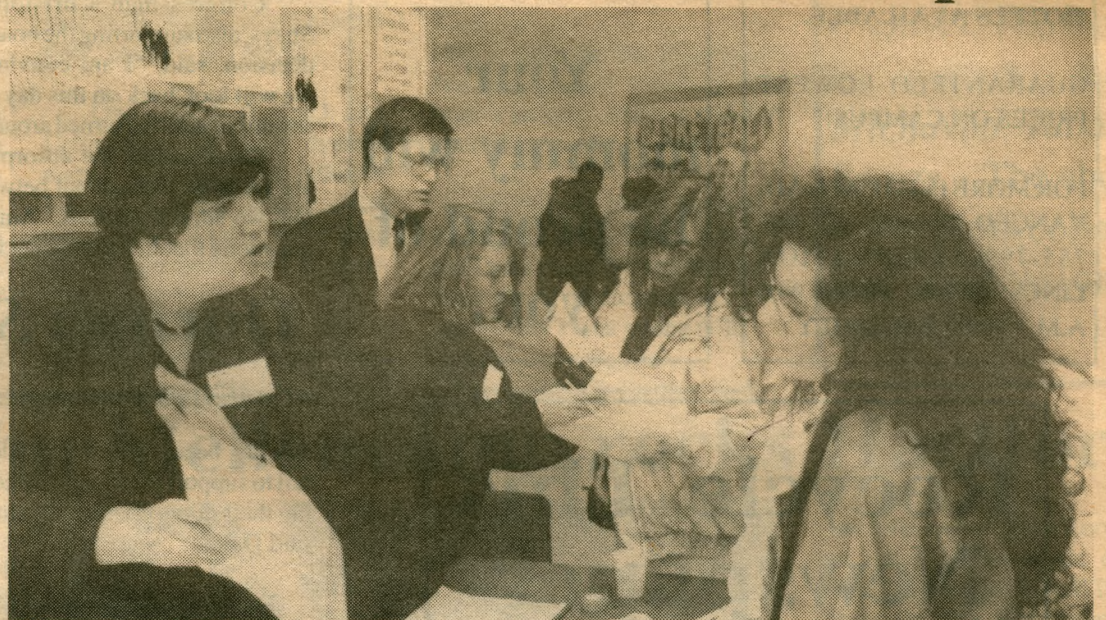
"By going through the window, they allowed themselves as much time as they needed," said Daloia. "They weren't concerned with the alarm on their way out," he added.

The police report stated that among the items reported stolen were an audio rack system, a 19" color TV, 2 typewriters and an answering machine.

Suggestions on possible deterrents to future incidents have

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SHU unveils health club plan



Health & Physical Education and Membership Director at the Jewish Community Center, Jennie Davis (left) explains a portion of the group membership privileges to sophomore Rosa Reda while Vice-President of Membership, Leslie Levitz does the same with an unidentified student. Coordinating this effort with the J.C.C. is Director of Advisement, Mitchell Holmes (in back on left).

Photo by Michael Champagne

By Chris Nicholson
Associate Editor

On Jan. 8, Sacred Heart announced a proposed agreement with the Jewish Community Center to use their athletic facilities to engage a Health Club membership for SHU students at a reduced rate.

The membership, subsidized by SHU, would cost \$50 per student, and would be effective Feb. 1 through June 30, 1992.

According to Mitchell Holmes, director of advisement at SHU, the membership privileges will include, "general use of the locker room, swimming pool, weight room, gym, racquet ball and squash courts." For an added fee, students can also use the nautilus center and aerobic circuit.

Holmes said the only requirement for instituting the program is that at least 100 students must apply for the membership before Feb. 1. Holmes added that if the total number of enrolled students

significantly exceeds 100 persons, the fee could possibly be reduced.

An orientation session for any interested parties will be held Thursday, Jan. 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside the cafeteria. If requested, students may tour the facilities at the JCC before registering for membership.

The affiliation with the JCC would also include space for four student-organized events between February and May, the only charge being operating costs for the facilities.

NEWS BRIEFS

Mentor workshop to be held in Hawley

On Thursday, Jan. 30, from 7:30 to 9:45 p.m., Dr. Henrik Eger will be hosting a special mentor and networking workshop in SHU's Hawley Lounge.

The event is Dr. Eger's way of saying thanks to all of his students and their mentors who have worked together during the past semester.

According to Dr. Eger, "It seems that some serious discussions took place among you (students and mentors) about writing, thinking and communicating about life in general and the need of various target audiences, in particular about networking and careers, etc."

To that extent, Dr. Eger wants to expand the concept this coming year, perhaps even building up a mentor networking system.

Dr. Eger suggests watching for further details in upcoming issues of the *Spectrum*.

Prologue finds new home

The Prolouge has moved its offices to S210. All staff and interested parties are invited to stop by and see the new home in the coming weeks.

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Spring 1992: Support Groups

The following groups will be meeting weekly during the Spring, 1992 semester in the Counseling Center. Time will be determined by the schedule of the participants.

**"Being a Single Parent and a College Student:"
How Not to Lose My Mind**

**"I'm An Adult Child of An Alcoholic Parent"
Growing Up With Chaos**

"I've Survived Abuse:"

I Want the Scars of Sexual, Physical and/or Emotional Violence to Heal

**"I Am Responsible for an Aging Elderly Parent:"
Creative Coping Techniques for a Difficult Situation.**

For more information and an interview, contact Sr. Anne-Louise Nadeau at the Counseling Center (371-7955) by February 1.

Food Preoccupation Group (Contact Debbie Barton for more information on this group.)

Pick a card, any card



Don Forslund of Trumbull gathers his purchases from a baseball card dealer at a baseball card show held in the S.H.U. gymnasium on Saturday. The show was sponsored by the Class of 1992 to raise funds for Senior Week events.

Photo by Michael Champagne

UB: Law school criticized as selfish

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UB School of Law graduate. "I am a graduate of the University of Bridgeport law school, and my concern stems from this. I believe that through these efforts, the university will have long term success in Bridgeport."

Ganim added, "Based on information and support and the continuing work that is going to be necessary, this will work for all of us."

Also in attendance was Senator Christopher Dodd, who noted that it is critically important for the University of Bridgeport and the law school to work together to make the venture successful.

Congressman Christopher Shays, also supporting the board's decision, said, "I am convinced we will look back on this day and say this institution turned around."

Details about the absorption are yet to be worked out between the two administrations. Among questions that have to be decided

are the future of the Bridgeport campus and the possible renaming of the affiliated institutions.

Law school insists it's on its own

Over 120 UB law students, corralled by former Dean of the School of Law Terence Benbow, attended the press conference in protest of the decision. The protesters shouted "No support," and "You're killing us."

According to Benbow the law school faculty voted unanimously to merge with Quinnipiac.

"There will be no Sacred Heart University Law School," Benbow stated. "It will be Quinnipiac with UB's support, or it will be Quinnipiac without UB's support."

Eigel, responding to Benbow's comments, noted that "If the ABA were to approve a law school at Quinnipiac, because we don't support it, it would have to be a new law school."

"I'm completely disheart-

ened," said second year law student Jim Quinn. "The law school is not being consulted, they're being ignored. The board's decision is only a short term solution."

When questioned about his future plans for continuing his education, Quinn said he would follow the faculty to whatever school they affiliate with.

The School of Law was widely criticized for not working with the university in its effort to survive.

"This decision is for the whole university," Dodd commented, "not for just one school. There are thousands of other students here who deserve a good education."

Scott Miller, president of UB's Student Congress, said, "They (the law students) don't understand that there are more people affected by this. Instead of working together (with the UB administration), they decided to work apart. There's a lack of communication, and that equals destruction."

Dorms: Security details safety tips

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already been offered. "Students fail to support the system by keeping their doors open all the time," said Daloia.

Future plans call for a system by which students will engrave their names on all valuables. A list will be made detailing all items

engraved and kept on file for security use.

"This will enable an easier way to locate stolen items," said Daloia. He added that "the university is not responsible for the stolen items but they may be covered under the students' homeowner's insurance."

Daloia has also made a recommendation to the administration

that all the windows be alarmed at Park Ridge to further protect the residents. He is also currently having discussions with UI concerning the possibility of adding more light to the Geduldig side of the complex.

According to Daloia, Park Ridge residents on campus that evening were notified of the incident.

Be a good campus citizen.

Basketball Away Trip Planned

Do you want to get away from it all and spend some time with friends? If so, then the Class of 1992 has just what you're looking for.

A three day, two night basketball away trip has been scheduled from Jan. 31 - Feb. 2, to Manchester, N.H. For only \$44.50 per person, you get travel to and from and lodging expenses at Days Inn in Manchester, plus travel while in N.H.

Total seating is limited to 47 people so sign up A.S.A.P. in front of the cafeteria or in the Activities Office. The bus will leave from the S.H.U. Library lot promptly at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31. Checkout from Days Inn is 11:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Remember, this is on a first come, first served basis so sign up soon. (And wear your Pioneer colors.)

Common Sense

By J. Broad
Columnist

Common Sense: a good title I think. This new column is an idea that I've been kicking around for a while, and I've decided to give it a try. I want to start an advice column—you know: an Ann Landers type of thing. This is merely an experiment, if no one writes in, this column will simply cease to appear. This is hereby a formal invitation to write in with your situations: good, bad, or indifferent.

Those of you who read **Observations From a Broad** regularly know that my particular area of interest is Relationships. Please note that I said "area of interest," not "area of expertise." I want to make it clear that I am not an expert by any means, but I have had quite a number of fairly long relationships—some wonderful, some horrible.

Relationships is an area that tends to test first and teach afterward (I got that off of a Salada tea bag—pretty deep!). You learn by experience, but sometimes you are far too close to the situation to see what is truly going on. I hope that this column will be able to provide you with a different perspective. I'll give you my opinion on your situation, and you can, perhaps, use it to make a decision about what you want to do. As many of the readers of **Observations...** already know, I tend to have a slightly, ... well ... different view of the world in general.

I claim to be no expert, and you certainly don't have to take my advice (if this was a contract, this

paragraph would fall under the heading **DISCLAIMER**), but maybe a different perspective will help you out. Who knows, maybe your letter will let somebody else know that they are not the only ones stuck in a certain situation, or feeling a certain way.

Now, if we're going to do this, we've got to lay down certain rules. In order to protect everyone's confidentiality (and to protect my ... liabilities):

1) All letters will be sealed and addressed to **Common Sense — J.**

2) All letters will be either mailed to the **SPECTRUM** or placed in my box in the **SPECTRUM** office. You walk in, take a quick left and a quick right, and the boxes are right in front of you on the opposite wall. Nobody empties my box but me, and people put things in there all the time, so don't worry. The address of the office is: Spectrum Newspaper / 5151 Park Ave. / Fairfield, CT 06432.

3) In case you do worry, have a "friend" deliver all letters. Please **DO NOT DELIVER THEM YOURSELF!** (Now if you do deliver your own, everyone will think it's from one of your friends)

4) I will change all names in the letters, even if the author claims to have changed them already. This column will not be used to smear the innocent. Also, do not sign your name.

5) I will, from time to time, put in "made up" letters. This will throw people off if they only read the column to try to figure out who each letter is about.

6) All letters should be typed, double-spaced, and **SHOULD**

NOT EXCEED 150 WORDS!!! If it needs to be longer, enclose a short version for publication and a long version for me.

7) All letters, once submitted, become property of the **SPECTRUM**, and are subject to editing for spelling, grammar, punctuation, clarity, and length.

8) All letters will be discarded once they are printed or deemed unfit for publication.

I'm sorry for the long list of rules, but I just don't want anyone to get hurt.

I have decided to title this column **Common Sense** for a reason: as we have explored in **Observations...**, love is a very irrational feeling. You tend to lose objectivity when you're in love and it blinds you to the painfully obvious. Hopefully, this column will help to point out the things you're having trouble admitting to yourself.

Lastly, I hope that this column will be enjoyable—even funny. A sense of humor is what can make the difficult times bearable and the good times all the more enjoyable.

Let's do a recap: 1) Hopefully, this column will start appearing next week and will continue throughout the semester. 2) Please write letters and follow the instructions above. 3) This column is supposed to deal with relationships, so try to keep the letters pertinent. 4) Hopefully, you'll have some questions and I'll (even more hopefully) have some answers (or suggestions). Even better, my answers may even have something to do with the question you asked! Hopefully, I'll see you next week.

Club Happenings

Club Happenings is available for use by all clubs on campus. To get in your club's listing, drop off all pertinent information to the *Spectrum* office. The deadline for all notices is the Wednesday before the publication date of the desired issue. All submissions will appear on a space available basis and will be given attention in order of receipt and timeliness.

Outdoors Club

The Outdoors Club has announced its annual Spring Fling mixer, to be held in the cafe on Jan. 30 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cash prizes of \$25 will be awarded for the "Hottest Legs," "Best Buns" and a limbo contest. Chubby's Lounge will be open for the event. Admission is \$3 for students, \$5 for non-students, and \$2 for anyone arriving in spring attire.

The Outdoor Club also announces its annual spring break trip, this year to Panama City, Florida. The trip includes the bus and hotel, a party bus, a catamaran race and the hotel night club. The cost of the trip is \$259, and should be paid in full as soon as possible to secure a reservation.

Upcoming events to watch out for are the Outdoors Club's camping trip, a night skiing trip and white water rafting.

The Outdoors Club is also always in search for new members, so for a great time, go join one of the most active clubs on campus. For more information on any upcoming Outdoors Club events, contact Jay Sabatino, Jeff Root, or the Activities office (371-7969).

Sigma Tau Omega Fraternity

Interested in getting involved at SHU? Then come meet the brothers of Sigma Tau Omega, and give yourself the opportunity to get "active" at the university. Talk to the brothers of the oldest fraternity at SHU, and make things happen. A meeting for prospective pledges will be held Thursday, Jan. 23 and Thursday, Jan. 30, at 11 a.m. in S112. For more information, contact Paul Molnar.

Ujamma

"A Fashion Show" will be presented at the SHU Theatre on Feb. 1 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. This will be a program filled with entertainment as well as fashions. It will be a night to remember, with singing selections by Matt Harrison and Sensual, and Provocative dances from the "Island Girls." Tickets are \$5, and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Donna Brooks at 371-7780.

Spectrum Newspaper

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Slightly Off Campus

Request for super holiday denied

Administrators at Canisius College in upstate New York rejected the student government's proposal to cancel classes Jan. 28 "in celebration of the Buffalo Bills and their Super Bowl achievement."

Antioch students seize library, win extended hours

Two dozen Antioch University students won longer library hours and an increase in study space after taking over the campus library Nov. 20 in a peaceful sit-in.

The Administrative Council decided that the library will remain open until 2 a.m. for the remainder of the fall term, rather than close at midnight.

The library will continue to close at midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. The college also agreed to students demands to make "The Gathering Space," a commons area in the dorm, a substance-free study space.

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What Has Happened to That Dream?

Nearly thirty years ago, Martin Luther King said, "I have a dream." His dream - a world without any discrimination. A man whose strong convictions cost him his life.

What has happened to that dream?

While world leaders are attempting to promote peace, locally violence to others, spray painting and graffiti surround us.

Where is this dream? Does it exist?

Can the "ecumenical spirit" which Dr. Cernera witnesses ensure that discriminatory incidents will not occur at SHU?

Are we at SHU doing anything to fulfill the dream of this present day prophet? Is his dream our dream - equality for all humankind?

Up in smoke?

What has happened to the enforcement of the smoking policy on campus? Many students who were informed last semester that smoking would be banned at SHU are now puzzled that this semester the ban is not being enforced.

The question might be asked, "Who is responsible for enforcement of the smoking ban?" And, if smoking is banned at SHU, why are there so many cigarette receptacles in the hallways?

Applause to the new maintenance crew

One may notice that the Sacred Heart rooms and hallways are much cleaner than that have consistently been in recent years.

This is attributed to the maintenance crew working for the Jomar Company, and headed by Maintenance Supervisor Donald Young.

Young's six person work crew has done a fantastic job of keeping our precious institution an untainted work environment.

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PONTIFICATIONS

By Philip Trahan
Editor-in-Chief

APATHY, THY NAME IS SHU.

Here is a question for the entire student body, faculty and administration of Sacred Heart University. Was Jayme Mcaughern-Carucci the only person on this campus to read the column, *SHU and YOU* in the November 21, 1991 issue of *The Spectrum*?

In that column, Dr. Dhia Habboush, the head of the faculty senate, was quoted as saying: "There is no university where students should be evaluating professors. This is not Stop & Shop where the customer is always right. If we put students as most important, then that is the wrong way."

In the same story, it was reported that Dr. Cernera would not comment on either Dr. Habboush's comments or the controversy surrounding the student evaluation of professors because he had been out of the country at the time and was unaware of that a problem existed.

Well Dr. Cernera, anytime that a member of the faculty is quoted as saying "If we put students as most important, then that is the wrong way," then there is a problem.

If the proposed merger with the University of Bridgeport is as successful as you hope, is this the kind of reception UB students are to expect? Did you even read *The Spectrum*? Why

were you silent, even after the issue had been brought forth by the press? Were you out of the country yet again, or has the proposed merger with UB consumed so much of your time that Sacred Heart students are no longer of primary importance to you?

We already know that Dr. Cernera was out of the country, but where was the President of the Student Government? Why, as leader of the student body, has A.J. Ciesielski not demanded an apology from Dr. Habboush on behalf of the very people he was elected to represent? Mr. Ciesielski is always quick to praise Dr. Cernera, and the administration, but is obligation is to defend students rights first, even if this is contrary to the goals of the said Dr. Cernera and administration.

Where were comments from the faculty? Are they scared to speak openly and honestly about any topic? Or, are they in agreement with Dr. Habboush?

Where were the students? Is Jayme really the only person who cared enough to voice a lone opinion? Was Jayme the only person to read *The Spectrum* last semester? I hope not!

Each student should now be writing letters to Dr. Cernera demanding that he take some

action. Each student should now be writing letters to Dr. Habboush demanding a printed apology for his attack against the students of Sacred Heart.

If student opinion can be measured in dollars, each full time student each semester has four thousand four hundred reasons why his opinion counts.

Dr. Habboush, remember each time you put gas in your car, or buy groceries, or new clothes, that they very people you wish to suppress have given you the opportunity to do these activities.

Yes, Dr. Habboush, this isn't Stop & Shop. However you are wrong to think that "to put students as the most important, then that is the wrong way." If the students are not the most important, then what is?

Perhaps Dr. Habboush, or for that matter any member of the administration or faculty who subscribes to the same opinion as Dr. Habboush, you should reevaluate your priorities because if you honestly feel that students are not the most important, then you have no business in the educational field.

So now, the next step is in the hands of all those mentioned above. Will the student body allow Dr. Habboush to be correct in his opinion? Only time will tell.

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Letters to the Editor

Basic Studies Praised

Dear Editor:

I am a second semester senior who will soon be entering the real world. I have spent my last four years at Sacred Heart University preparing for the rest of my life.

When I began my studies at SHU, I was enrolled in the Basic Studies Program against my will. At that point, I felt SHU was telling me: "You are ill prepared to enter our university. You can't handle college work."

Today I realize that was not the case. I believe the framework

of this program was a necessity and well suited for my needs as a student.

Since then, I have maintained a 3.2 gpa, learned the meaning of the word STUDENT, and registered for graduation within four years, like any other student.

School, and school life will all be a memory in four months when I receive my diploma. With the time spent preparing for life after SHU, I feel ready for the road ahead.

Sincerely,
Judy Swenton

Security Lauded at Dorms

Dear Editor:

Throughout the fall 1991 semester, I was a resident student at Taft Commons. During the semester I had continuously been made aware of negative issues concerning the dormitories.

This semester I would like to point out to the the University community a positive aspect of dormitory life.

I am referring to an incident which occurred at Taft Commons on Jan. 15. As a former resident student, I was at Taft in order to gather my belongings so that I would no longer be part of resident life. At the time I was moving my things, the security guard on duty stopped me to sign in. At first, I was displeased by this action because I was transporting many things and did not have a free hand.

At second glance, however, I wish to give a thumbs up to the security guard. Through all the chaos of students moving in, the guard took the time to find one non-resident student and followed the rules her job mandates. Resident students should feel secure knowing there are competent people in charge of their safety.

Although I am now a commuter student, my decision was based on personal reasons and is not related to the University. I believe that Sacred Heart has performed a job well done on a task that is still new to the University community. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Joyce Viglione

GET INVOLVED!

Dear Editor:

I would like to use this opportunity to address students who are new to Sacred Heart and may not yet see the vast opportunities which surround them. I am due to graduate in two semesters and have only recently discovered some of these possibilities. As a commuter, my previous years have had a common pattern of arriving for class and departing immediately thereafter. Unfortunately, I did not recognize what I was missing. During the past

semester I began to spend more time on campus in an attempt to further explore my surroundings. As time elapsed I found myself more involved and increasingly interested. This institution affords each student so many avenues of involvement.

Many students, myself included, have heavy commitments to work and other areas, thus suggesting a lack of available time. Attending a concert, lecture or workshop does not consume an extreme amount of time. Like-

wise, participation in a club or student group is also flexible. The rewards which are yielded by our involvement on campus are invaluable and innumerable. Get involved!
Andrew Maccabe.

Observations

By J. Broad
Columnist

Nobody goes to the video store on Saturday night. And even if somebody did go, there would be nobody else there to see them go because nobody goes, right? Wrong. I was there on a Saturday, and I wasn't alone.

Let me explain. I know what you're thinking: you're thinking, "J. what's happening to you, first a column about the personal ads and now you admit that you were at the video store on Saturday night? Are you a loser-in-training?" No, I currently have no plans to become a loser; I was sick. I'm okay now, thank you for asking — it was just a bout with the flu so you needn't worry about Dan Quayle suddenly having to step in and write the column for me while I am incapacitated (although I have been assured that he is both eminently qualified and eager to show that he can do it).

Political satire aside, I turned up the collar of my trenchcoat and snuck into the video store as quietly as I could. (If you don't understand the stigma associated with having nothing better to do on a Saturday night than a visit to the video store, you obviously didn't have the chic police at your school when you were younger. The slightest hint of nerdiness and your life was instantly a shambles. One of my friends had to join the Peace Corps at age nine simply because of a rumor someone had thoughtfully posted on the boys' room wall — about him and a certain pair of pajamas with feet.) So, anyway, my girlfriend and I got to the video store

and — are you ready for this? — couldn't find a parking space! The place was packed. I waited for someone to leave and took their parking space because, with a car that looks like mine, you can't just leave it anywhere or someone will tow it away thinking it's abandoned.

Once inside, a quick look around revealed that this was not the ordinary video store crowd. This was the big time, the hard core fans, the people who actually rewind the tapes before they return them: **vidiot savants!**

My tongue ran nervously along my top lip. I steadied my breathing and checked my pulse. Quickly my fearless companion and I devised a plan: it was simple, but it was all we had. It was just daring enough to work. I would take "Comedy" and "Suspense", she would take "Horror" and "Drama." In ten minutes, we would rendezvous in "New Releases." It was a dangerous place to regroup, but we had to try.

The theme from "Mission Impossible" began to echo in my head as I took a few cautious steps toward my designated area. Already I was in trouble. In my haste I had veered too close to the checkout line. The humanoid near the end of the line began to suspect that I was going to cut to the front. The back of the line began to advance toward me and curl at the end. **THEY WERE TRYING TO SURROUND ME!** I turned to the cashier for help, but she had already been on duty for too long: she held her scanner in one hand and someone's card in the other, and she just kept saying "Back by Monday at midnight" over and over and over again — Virtual Cranial Reduction!

In another instant I would be overwhelmed; I had to act fast. I grabbed the only weapon within my reach: a display of **Orville Redenbacher's Microwave Popcorn** — butter flavored. My empty calorie smoke screen gave me my only chance for escape. I feigned left around a man in a raincoat holding two Pee Wee Herman movies and ran up the center aisle. I took a quick left and found myself in the children's section. They had someone's grandparents trapped in a pool of quicksand made up of half-eaten Junior Mints. I held them back with a makeshift cross of Twizzler's and made my escape down the next aisle.

To my surprise, the aisle was empty — it was "The Classics." That's when I heard my girlfriend scream.

I raced to "Drama" but stopped halfway down the row in which my partner was imprisoned. Three elderly ladies had her surrounded: two were crocheting her feet to the carpet while the heavyset one had her pinned to "Self-improvement" with her walker while trying to wrest *Rain Man* from her with her free hand. I managed to take out the two cronies with two *Doctor Zhivagos* and a *Sound of Music*, but the walker beast stood firm. She turned to face me and raised her walker above her head like some geriatric samurai warrior from hell. All I can say is: thank God that PBS Civil War special was ten tapes long.

Later at my house, we put our jealously guarded *Rain Man* in the VCR and rewound it. It turned out to be *Ishtar*. No wonder nobody goes to the video store on Saturday night.

Do you feel you don't have the time to write a *Letter to the Editor*? Do you feel intimidated by having your picture taken for *The Student Voice*? If so, the new **VISITS TO THE EDITOR** is just for you. Starting now, you can stop by the Spectrum office and an editor will take down your thoughts for publication in the next issue. **No photos involved.**

The Student Voice

What would you like to see more of (or less of) in *The Spectrum*?

By Michael Champagne



Maria Feola
Sophomore
Psychology

Every time I look at the paper, nothing catches my eye. More articles on (the status of) the U.B. law school and more on the (S.H.U.) library like whether there will be an increase or decrease of hours.



Austin Walsh
Freshman
Undeclared

I would like to see more controversial issues: talking about students' concerns. Things that they are really concerned about and sometimes get a little upset about. A little bit more about what the students think.



Barbara Chisholm
Junior
Business Management

More objective writing.



Jennifer Lee
Graduate Assistant

More on the social aspects of school and less on administration because students are more interested in social aspects. Maybe a "Personals" section.



Ian Jeremiah
Freshman
Political Science

More sports.

The Storm thunders to top with debut album

By Chris Nicholson
Associate Editor

There's been a band on the radio that sounds like Journey. Disc jockeys and people who hear their material claim that the musical compositions resemble early 80s Journey, and the singer's voice sounds just like Journey's Steve Perry. The band is called The Storm, and they sound like Journey because the rhythm section contains three of Journey's founding members.

Greg Rollie was Journey's first keyboard player. Rollie, left Santana with Neal Schon (Journey's guitar player, later Bad English's, and currently forming his own band) and started Journey in 1973. In 1981 he left the band, and aside from an unsuccessful solo album in the 80s, has been unheard of.

Steve Smith, for a long time considered the best drummer in rock, left Journey in 1985, and started the profitable jazz band Vital Information.

Journey's bass player, Ross Valory, left the band at the same time Smith departed and has played with a few unheard of bands (although he did play in Michael Bolton's band on *The Hunger* tour).

Now the three have reunited, and together with two unknowns,

Kevin Chalfant (vocals) and Josh Ramos (guitar), have formed The Storm, an energetic, powerful new rock band that can safely look forward to a clear and successful future.

It is understandable that The Storm sounds like Journey because of Rollie, Smith and Valory, but the uncanny part is that Chalfant sounds almost exactly like Perry,

ready laboring its first hit, "I've Got a Lot to Learn About Love," a powerfully upbeat song that carries its listener with a thundering backbeat, a stunningly good rhythm guitar part, and fabulously creative keyboard melodies. On top of the good music are entertaining, excellently written lyrics that find the singer realizing he has a lot to learn about relation-

ships, for "every time I turn away, someone's saying good-bye."

The album is packed with several first-class upbeat rockers. "You're Gonna Miss Me" is a fast-paced anti-breakup song with

dence in relationships.

"Still Loving You," by far the best ballad on the album, starts off with a haunting keyboard and drum part, and builds, one instrument at a time, into a harmony of well written music, capped with fabulous ballad lyrics that depict a man deeply in love despite the obstacles of time and periodic pain. The most powerful part of the song is when the back-up vocals are sung along with the guitar solo, creating an unforgettable, inspirational musical moment. Credit the guitar player for not having too big an ego to let people sing over his playing — it sounds fantastic.

"Show Me the Way," also a ballad and the second single off the album, should not have been a single. It is a good song: the lyrics are powerful, the music is praiseworthy, and it builds well. The problem is that it builds too well. The track starts off with strong music and words, and begins to build emotionally right away, and keeps building to the point that, by the end of the song, the listener is emotionally exhausted.

The Storm's greatest asset is that they sound good together. They have found a chemistry that few bands obtain, and that chemistry should keep this group of musicians together for some time. That can only benefit music fans, because, so far, The Storm has created nothing but quality. Buy this album.



Journey's singer. Chalfant boasts a wide, high vocal range with remarkable clarity. The only difference between the two singers is that Perry's voice (widely considered one of the best in rock) sounds free and natural, whereas Chalfant's sounds like he really has to work to sing as well as he does.

Their self-titled album is al-

ships, for "every time I turn away, someone's saying good-bye."

The most entertaining song on the album is "In the Raw," a song about a naked girl. Although the content may sound off color, the song was tastefully written. The best part of this particular track is an opening drum solo from Smith that proves that he still deserves to be called the best. The song is also

superb guitar lics, and so is "I Want You Back," which is a duet by Chalfant and Rollie (who also sings lead vocals on a few tracks).

The Storm has also perfected the art of performing ballads. "Call Me," sung by Rollie (who, by the way, wrote most of the material for the album), is a smooth-moving song about emotional depen-

Hook boasts fine acting, incredible adventure

By J. Broad

Dustin Hoffman, Robin Williams, Julia Roberts, Bob Hoskins...big names associated with a big movie. *Hook* is the latest blockbuster from the big budget by himself: director Steven Spielberg.

Boasting a resume containing such films as *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*, and *E.T.: the Extra-terrestrial*, Spielberg is certainly not known for being faint of purse, and *Hook* is no exception. The sets, the costumes, and the effects (not to mention the talented cast) must have cost a small fortune, but it was definitely money well spent.

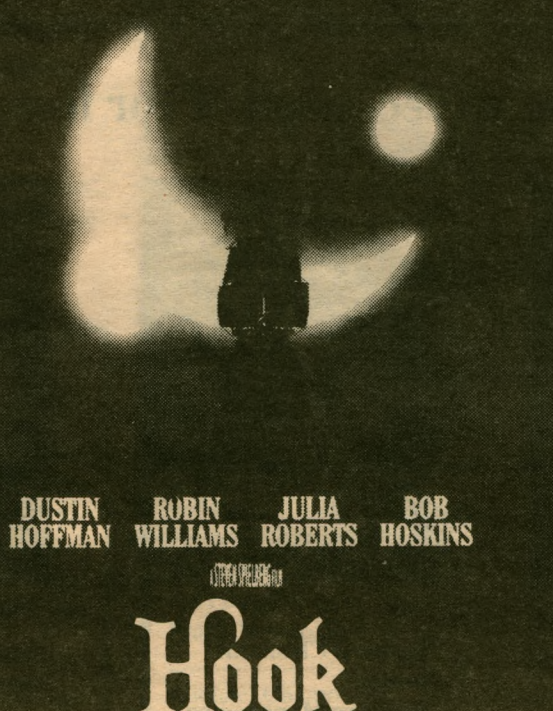
Though *Hook* has been in theaters (theatres in England) for quite some time, it took me a while to bring myself to go see it, for two reasons. First of all, I thought of it as a kids' movie. For those of you unfamiliar with the film's ancestry, it is basically a sequel of the Disney cartoon *Peter Pan*. This brings me to the second reason I procrastinated viewing this film: I had never seen *Peter Pan*. For those of you with a similarly cartoonishly impaired past, I highly recommend renting the original, even if you have to rent a small child to stand with you in line so no one will know you are renting it for yourself. The cartoon precursor is not only highly entertaining in its own right, but also serves as vital background information for its more expensive descendent.

Hook is the story of Peter Pan-

ning (Williams), a mergers and acquisitions broker who returns to England with his wife and family to attend a benefit for the founder of the orphanage in which he was raised. While in England, it is discovered that Panning is actually Peter Pan, grown up after leaving Never-never Land years before. But now Mr. Panning has "a real problem with heights" not to mention a real problem relating to his children, especially his son Jack. For the most part, Panning is a self-centered, status-seeking yuppie who puts his job much higher than his family on his list of priorities.

Hook works on a variety of levels, examining the hypocrisy of growing up and forgetting what it was like to be young, as well as taking a few potshots at the yuppie "quest for success" mentality. While still making its point, the film manages to weave a fanciful masterpiece of pirates and pixies that will surely penetrate even the most grown up of hearts. The strength

OPEN YOUR EYES...
OPEN YOUR HEART...
AND OPEN YOUR
IMAGINATION
ALL OVER AGAIN.



of the film, however, is definitely the exceptionally strong cast.

Williams is excellent as Peter Panning. Mr. Williams has blossomed into quite an actor in the past few years (*Dead Poets Society*, *Awakenings*), and turns in an

other top-notch performance as a man desperately trying to remember how to enjoy life. He plays the role as sort of a cross between Richard Gere's character from *Pretty Woman* (right down to his fear of heights) and Harrison Ford's character from *Regarding Henry*. Casting Williams in this role was a stroke of genius. The thought of Robin Williams turning into a "serious actor" and forgetting how to make us laugh is nearly as frightening as the thought of Peter Pan growing up. Because it is Robin Williams, the audience rejects his apparent selfishness from the very opening scene, and longs for him to regain his "happy thoughts."

Bob Hoskins (Eddie Valiant from *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*) is wonderful as First Mate Smead. Though it is a small part, Hoskins brings life to a character that could easily have degenerated into cheap comic relief in the hands of a lesser actor.

Speaking of small parts, Julia Roberts (*Pretty Woman*, *Sleeping*

With the Enemy, *Flatliners*) made the most of Tinkerbell in this rather male-dominated film. In the original cartoon, Tinkerbell didn't speak and was basically reduced to a stereotypical, jealous, vengeful female (Walt Disney was not known for very liberated portrayals of women: who did all the housework at the 7 Dwarfs' cottage?). Ms. Roberts infused personality into a role which was quite small (pun intended).

Dustin Hoffman (far too many films to list), in the title role, stole the show. He played Captain Hook absolutely, and brilliantly, to the hilt. It brought back memories of Jack Nicholson's Joker from *Batman*. He played the character almost as if he were still in the cartoon, which was warranted in this case. He was close enough to the original to please even die hard *Peter Pan* fans, yet he still managed to leave his own mark on the part. He tempered Captain Hook's more sinister side, and played up his comical side, and this added up to one of the best likable villains to grace the screen in recent years.

The film is long (over 2 hours), and that may make it more of an adult's film than one you would want to sit through with young children. I also happen to think that the film is a touch too violent for very young children, but that is a matter of personal taste. All in all, it is an excellent film that I highly recommend. *Hook* is definitely worth the exorbitant price of admission, in addition to any rental fees you incur finding children to pretend to take with you.



Elaine Agosti is presented with commemorative flowers and a balloon by teammate Jennifer Dankulich for scoring her 1,000th point during the women's game against Brooklyn College. Agosti also set a team high of 18 points and 9 rebounds during the game. Way to go Elaine!

Prognostications from a Pioneer

It's finally here! After two weeks of hype, (which in most years is more exciting than the actual game), it's time for the Redskins and Bills to get down and dirty and prove who's the best. Will it be the high flying offense of the Jim Kelly led Buffalo Bills? Or the high flying offense of the **Mark Rypien** led Washington Redskins? I say neither.

While the Kelly vs. Rypien match-up certainly makes for a lot of hype, what with the NFL's top two scoring offenses going head-to-head, but what is going to be the story of this Super Bowl is what defense performs the best.

We all know about the 'Skin defense led by the likes of **Charles Mann**, and **Darrell Green**, but what of those Buffalo Bill defenders? **Cornelius Bennett** and company really don't get the credit they deserve.

Sure Denver did a good job of holding the offense to three points in the AFC Championship, but didn't that Bill defense hold the Bronco offense led by **John Elway** to one score late in the game?! But in the end I feel that Washington's defense will rise to the occasion and give the 'Skins their third Super Bowl championship in the last decade.

The Prognostication's Prediction: Washington 20 Buffalo 14

When was the last time you saw the women's basketball team with a better record than the men's team here at Sacred Heart? Well that's the case now as the women with a 7-6 record led by **Alethia Osbourne**, **Elaine Agosti**, and **Kim Filia** have really surprised a lot of people. Here's a mid-season

nomination of Head Coach **Ed Swanson** for NECC Coach of the Year.

Someone has got to step forward for the men and take some of the pressure off **Darrin Robinson**. Against a lowly Keene State team, Robinson scored 31 of the Pioneer's 56 points!!! **Theo Gadsden** had a good showing on the boards with 11 grabs, but he and the rest of the Pioneers have got to start playing like a team. It's not too late for the Pioneers to be heard from, but let's get going!

One note to all Knick and Celtic Fans: it really doesn't matter who wins the Atlantic Division because no one, and I mean no one is going to get past the Chicago Bulls, (or the Cleveland Cavaliers for that matter.)

Part two of my GET BACK IN THE CLOSET awards. How

about all those Oakland A's fans that all of a sudden popped up in the late 1980's? Prior to 1988, I never met an Oakland A's fans, after their 1988 World Series appearance, they are all over the place, everybody loves the A's. Just one question; where were you all this year after their fourth place finish? (Back in the Closet with the rest of the front runners until they win again). Now I'm waiting for all the Minnesota Twins fans to come out of hiding! I always found it funny that after a team wins a championship, all of a sudden everyone's wearing that team's jackets. Have a mind of your own people!

Next week: check out next week's Prognostications where I shall take credit for my brilliant Super Bowl predication, or justify why I was wrong (I'll think of some reason!)

Pioneer Note:

Darrin Robinson will be sponsored on a 25 minute national television presentation this week on *Madison Square Garden Channel* and *Sports Channel*. The show is called, *Rod Michavad Talking Sports*. The show covers both college and professional sports.

Small-town boy John Mellencamp rocks Hartford

By Frank Mastroianni
News Editor

As Connecticut was experiencing its coldest week of the year, a near capacity crowd was being warmed in a rock and roll inferno.

Last Sunday, John Mellencamp brought his *Whenever We Wanted* world tour to a very enthusiastic Hartford Civic Center audience. Mellencamp's two-hour plus extravaganza of "hometown rock and roll" placed the crowd into the palm of his hand and left everyone crying for more.

Mellencamp opened the show with his current single "Love and Happiness," off of his eleventh album *Whenever We Wanted*. By the second song he played, "Paper and Fire," a clapfest and sing along began that would continue throughout the entire evening.

Mellencamp chose to devote this evening of music to playing selections from his vast repertoire of hits rather than advertising new

material.

By opting to skip his newer material, "Get A Leg Up" and "Now More Than Ever" were the only new cuts performed, Mellencamp instead treated his audience to one hit after another.

"Jack and Diane", "Rock In The USA", "Hurts So Good" and "Pink Houses" had the crowd especially excited. Mellencamp's show was well represented with songs off his #1 album from 1982 *American Fool* and the top 5 albums *Uh-Huh* and *Scarecrow*.

Mellencamp's show by no means was your average rock and roll show. First off there was a twenty minute intermission at what turned out to be the show's midpoint. Secondly, Mellencamp avoided your average rock concert cliches like foul language and came off like everyone's big brother rather than a groupie-seeking guitar god.

Accompanying Mellencamp on his trek across America was a 9



piece band which included a violinist and an accordion player. The highlight of his band was the percussion section and their eclectic musical instruments.

These instruments included an over the shoulder washboard which is scratched, 2 cylinder-like objects which are shaken and a hand held instrument with beads

on it that are rubbed.

Mellencamp spoke very little but rather let his music do the talking. Songs like "Small Town", "Rain On The Scarecrow" and "Play Guitar" all keyed us into what this man was about. In the few instances that he did speak, he encouraged support for the upcoming Farm Aid V concert, blasted musicians for selling their songs in commercials and called himself "the luckiest man alive."

Ignoring the industry standard of leaving the stage temporarily only to return for encores, Mellencamp chose a more personal approach. "Forget the go backstage and clap bullcrap. That's all showbiz! We just want to play," he said. With this in mind, the house lights went on and he played his final song "Cherry Bomb." With all the lights on and Mellencamp singing away, it no longer was a "Rock concert" but rather a man, his music and the people his music is about.



Lady Pioneers earn respect in NECC

By Diana Cutaia
Sports Writer

As the saying goes, "there's a first for everything". The Lady Pioneers proved that by beating Keene State by two points. SHU increased their record to 7-6.

The game was SHU's from the tip-off. The Lady Pioneers were up by 22-0 with 9:00 left in the first half. Unfortunately mistakes caused a plethora of turnovers which brought the Lady Owls back into the game. Alethia Osbourne dominated the boards with the help of forward, Karen Bell. The game was 35-34 at the half with SHU in the lead.

The Lady Owls started the second half by taking their first lead of the game. From that point on the game was close until a foul shot by Osbourne put the Pioneers up by four with 2:00 left in the game.

The Lady Owls, managed to

close the gap to two points, but fortunately for the Pioneers time ran out leaving them the victors.

This was a spectacular win, considering SHU has never beat Keene State, especially at Keene's home court.

The Pioneers are now 1-1 in the NECC after falling to Franklin Pierce. They have not fallen below a .500 this year, an accomplishment that surpasses many preceding teams.

The Lady Pioneer's next home game is Jan. 25, at 5 p.m. against the University of Lowell.

The University of Lowell beat the Lady Pioneers last year but with the intensity and determination this "Heart Crew" has been displaying Lowell is in for a real challenge.

Come to the SHU box to support your Pioneers. On Jan. 25 The Pioneers will face University of Lowell at 5:00 and on Jan. 29 our ladies will attack the Purple Knights at 6:00.



Senior center Alethia Osbourne prepares for a shot against a Southhampton defender in a recent game. Osbourne has been key in the Lady Pioneers' 7 - 6 record, leading the team in scoring (16.8) and the NECC in rebounding (12.3).

Men's hoops struggling to gain ground in NECC

By Amy Madison
Sports Writer

Don't look now, but the Men's Basketball team is up to its old tricks. The Pioneers have reverted back to playing a "catch up" style game. However, they have not been able to pull a come-from-behind victory in their last few games.

Prior to last night's game at Southern, Sacred Heart stood at 0-2 in the NECC. The Pioneers lost their first two league games to Franklin Pierce and Keene State in a pair of disappointing contests. Both games featured an apparently sleeping Pioneer team that allowed the opponents to take a comfortable halftime lead. Sacred Heart woke up and fought back in the second half of each game but fell short both times.

Last Wednesday, the Heart dropped a 72-59 decision to Franklin Pierce. The Pioneers allowed the Ravens to open up a 38-20 halftime lead and were only able to close to within three points in the second half before Pierce pulled away again. Sacred Heart shot a pathetic 37 percent (1-for-9 from 3-point range) and were once again out rebounded by a wide margin.

Darrin Robinson, SHU's and the country's leading scorer, had 29 points on 10-for-25 shooting. Theo Gadsden followed with 15

points and 7 rebounds for the Heart. Franklin Pierce was led by Larry Wynn, who scored 22 points, and Jason Miglionico, who scored 20 points and grabbed 20 rebounds.

In a similar letdown, Keene State defeated Sacred Heart 61-56. Once more, the Pioneers were MIA in the first half and fought back in the second half. The score closed to within three points with less than a minute remaining in the game, but an intentional foul was called against SHU, which secured the win for the Owls.

It was the opinion of several Pioneer fans that very poor officiating played a large role in the outcome of the game. One Pioneer supporter described the officiating as "horrible" throughout the game, and some others criticized the many apparent one-sided decisions made by the referees. Four Sacred Heart players fouled out of the game. However, since the Pioneers allowed the Owls to take a 33-17 lead at halftime, they cannot place the blame on anyone besides themselves.

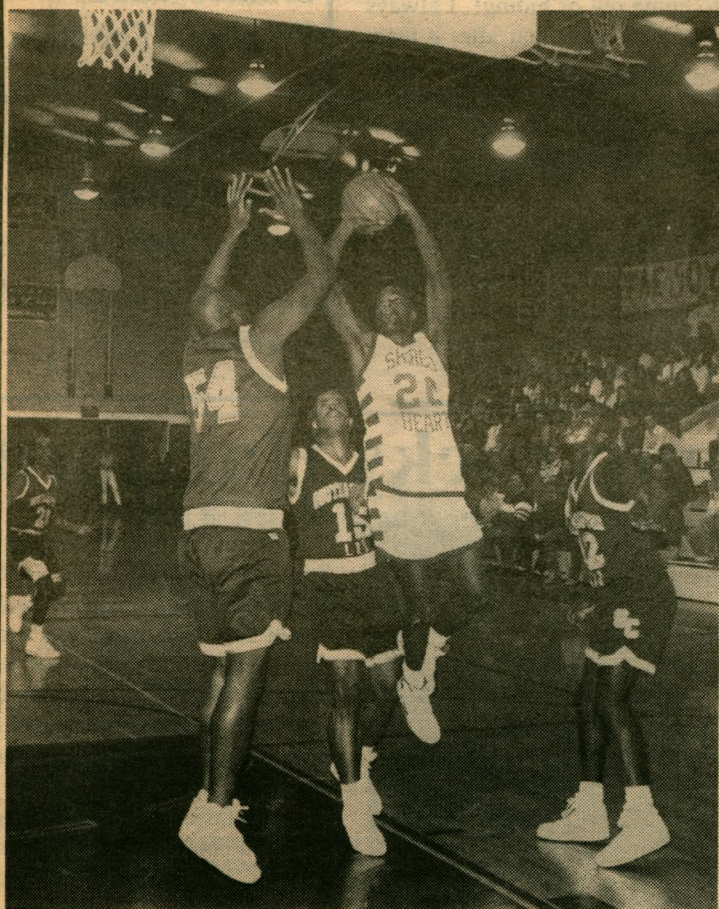
Robinson, who was cold for a good part of the game, came alive midway through the second half to score 31 points on 10-for-11 shooting from the foul line. Gadsden, with 11 points and 11 rebounds, was the only other Pioneer in double figures. Freshman Adam Brown started the game

and was impressive on defense, with 3 steals.

A new face was added to the Pioneers last week. Craig Philip, a 6-4 forward from All Hallows High School in New York City, joined the team two days before the Keene State game, and he saw one minute of playing time in that game. Philip's size and strength should help the Pioneers in rebounding, one of SHU's weaker areas.

As the nation's leading scorer in college basketball, Robinson is still in the spotlight. This past week, he appeared on Rod Michaud's *Talking Sports* show, which aired on Connecticut Public Television and eventually will be seen across the country. Michaud conducted an in-depth interview with Robinson and Head Coach Dave Bike that should help bring more attention to the talented junior from Bridgeport and to Sacred Heart University.

On Saturday, the Pioneers will face UMass-Lowell at the SHU Box at 7 p.m. On Wednesday, Sacred Heart meets arch-rival Bridgeport, in which the Heart will try to avenge an earlier 104-72 non-conference loss to the Purple Knights. The game will take place at the SHU Box at 8 p.m. and should be an action-packed event, as usual. It is not yet known what will become of UB's athletic program, since Sacred Heart has now taken over its Park Avenue rivals.



Junior guard Darrin Robinson puts up a shot against a Southhampton defender in a recent Pioneer game. The All-America candidate leads the nation's collegians -- for all divisions -- in scoring with a 36.8 average.